

Affective statements to use with others:

Are “I” statements that express a feeling.

- Make other people aware of either the positive or negative impact of their behavior.
- Provide a precise description of the issue and the specific impact.
- Do NOT protect other people or students from the consequences of their behavior.
- Are delivered in a personalized manner directly to the person who impacted others.
- Focus on behavior, not on the intrinsic worth of the person (separates the deed from the doer).
- Are respectful in tone.
- Encourage everyone to express their feelings.

Example:

Common response: “Molly, sit down and shut up.”

Affective Statement: “Molly, I am trying to complete an important task, I need you to please sit down and color quietly until I am finished and then we can play together.”